

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on May 3, 2006, 8:30 A.M., at the Jamestown Police Department Conference room.

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman

Arthur H. Fletcher

Stephen C. Waluk

William Chuck Alves, DOT

Members Absent:

Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman

Invited Guests:

Richard E. Dragon, CPA, CFO, Acting Executive Director

Peter M. Janaros, PE, Director of Engineering

Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations

Robert Moorehead, Chief of Maintenance

Jo-Ann Head, Executive Assistant

Lori Caron Silveira, Legal Counsel

Stephen Clarke, Union Representative

Item No. 2

Election of RITBA Officers

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William Chuck Alves, passed unanimously to elect David A. Darlington to the position of

RITBA Chairman.

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to elect Richard P. Eannarino to the position of RITBA Vice Chairman.

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to elect the Executive Director to the position of RITBA Secretary.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to elect Richard E. Dragon, CPA, CFO, to the position of RITBA Treasurer.

Item No. 3

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed 3 to 1 with Arthur H. Fletcher abstaining, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006 meeting.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2006 meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by William Chuck Alves, passed unanimously to approve: Tillinghast Licht – Professional services rendered

through March 31, 2006

Invoice 2996083 \$ 17,208.64

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Item No. 5

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to ratify: Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas

Newport/Pell Bridge

Other Engineering Services – 2005 Deck Repairs

Invoice RA291075 \$ 10,986.53

Other Engineering Services – Toll Plaza

Invoice RA291083 419.74

Water Pier Repairs – Contract 03-04

Invoice RA291679 27,603.32

Median Barrier Study

Invoice 293123 14,210.95

**Replacement Value and Maximum Probable Loss
Value**

Invoice 293124 1,451.80

Main Cable Investigation

Invoice 293126 20,808.63

Structure ‘E’ Deck Replacement Type Study

Invoice 293127 25,165.94

2005 Annual Inspection

Invoice 293128 3,308.99

Total \$ 103,955.90

Item No. 6

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to ratify: The Aulson Company, Inc. Newport/Pell Bridge

Application No: 8 \$ 29,283.99

Item No. 7

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to ratify: McGraw Hill Regional Publications

Invoice 00080439 \$ 1,745.00

Item No. 8

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to ratify: Transcore – Newport/Pell Bridge

Invoice 13138 \$ 3,078.00

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Item No. 9

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk,

passed unanimously to approve Maguire Group Proposal for Construction Inspection Services on Contract 05-6 Mt. Hope On-Call Deck Maintenance and Contract 05-11 Mt. Hope Tower Painting and Rehabilitation.

Item No. 10

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve an employment agreement for Richard E. Dragon, CPA, RITBA Chief Financial Officer.

Item No. 11

Motion by William Chuck Alves, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to approve the RITBA 2007 Budget.

Item No. 12

Richard E. Dragon, CPA, RITBA CFO, discussed disclosure requirements for the 2006 audit report.

Item No. 13

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by William Chuck Alves, passed unanimously to post the executive director's position and that the entire Board will serve as a personnel committee convened for purposes of selecting a new executive director.

Item No. 14

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed

unanimously to approve a request by the Preservation Society of Newport County to participate in a cooperative marketing arrangement in the amount of \$15,000.

Item No. 15

Chairman's report: The Chairman deferred his comments to the executive session.

Item No. 16

Acting Executive Director's Report:

- **March traffic and revenue results.** March traffic and revenue increased 2.4% and 3.8% as compared to the same month in 2005, and year-to-date fiscal 2006 traffic and revenue are both within 1% of amounts recorded through the first nine months of 2005.

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- **Jamestown Bridge Closure.** From an operational standpoint, the approximate 90-minute closure of route 138 across Jamestown on April 18, 2006, was a non-event at the Authority. From a business standpoint, however, it has been estimated that approximately \$3,600 was lost in foregone revenue due to the closure.

- **Overweight Vehicle Toll Enforcement.** Between March 8 and April 30 five companies of interest had 330 overweight transits of the Pell Bridge, resulting in \$8,250 in revenue.
- **Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the Board will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wed., June 14, 2006.

Item No. 17

Director of Engineering Report:

Newport Pell Bridge

- **Underground Tank Removal:** Discussed Proposal by Lincoln Environmental. Will remove oil/water separator now at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 per existing master price agreement. Will remove two (2) underground tanks using the new DEM Master Price Agreement in approximately two (2) months.
- **Landscaping Services by Lawn Beauticians –** Engineering will reevaluate the Contract before authorizing any further work.
- **Water main tie in across the toll plaza vs East Shore Road –** Received Directional Drilling Contractor's estimate at a cost of \$33,000. Bid documents to be prepared.
- **Now that the decision has been made not to pursue major building renovations, a new roof on the administration building is necessary.** Chairman David A. Darlington requested a cost estimate for a pitched roof.
- **Ramp Project –** A hearing on two alternatives will be held by RIDOT in the near future. The Director of Engineering will give a presentation at a future meeting.

Mt. Hope Bridge

- **Camera Installations on both bridges is ongoing. Proposed Economic Development Agreement is under legal review.**

Item No. 18

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5 (a) (2) Potential Litigation, to go into Executive Session at 9:25 AM.

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Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Stephen C. Waluk, passed unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 10:29 A.M. and seal the minutes.

Motion by Stephen C. Waluk, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Richard E. Dragon, CPA
Acting Secretary